





# City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: December 16, 2003

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Hallaway, City Manager 

FROM: Rolland M. Crawford, Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief 

SUBJECT: Authorize Increase in Revenue and Expenditures Relating to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

## RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council authorize the Finance Director to indicate funding of \$32,500 for Revenue Account No. 37-9334 related to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate's (EP&R/FEMA of DHS) Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, and authorize expenditures for the equipment, materials, and related labor as specified in the grant application.

## BACKGROUND

After three years of trying, Loma Linda is finally successful in receiving a grant in what is commonly called the "FIRE" Grant Program supported by the Federal Government and allocated via FEMA. Our request was for some specific dedicated equipment that will allow "interoperability" of various radio systems in and around key target facilities (specifically, Loma Linda University Medical Center).

## ANALYSIS

Radio communication issues have become increasingly important in the management of incidents within large buildings and facilities, especially post 9-11. We have long identified problems with communications within LLUMC and other key buildings in Loma Linda. This grant will help to mitigate those problems by means of equipment designed to link various radio frequencies and systems on an as-needed basis.

The allocated amount of \$32,500 has a local-matching portion of 10%, or \$3,250. This match can be accomplished by local funds, in-kind, or both. We have been working in close cooperation with LLUMC to determine in a joint effort to provide the matching amount to the satisfaction of FEMA.

Expenditures will come from Accounts 37-5360-1820 and 8220.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

None.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

Appropriate \$32,500 from reserves to Grant Account No. 37-9334, to be reimbursed as specified by the Program.